

REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to thank Examiner Musser for granting an interview and for her time spent during the interview.

The application has been amended as discussed at the interview to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-12, 28 and 29 are pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claim 28 is allowed and that claims 3 and 11 are allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 and 29 were rejected as unpatentable over ROUSSEL et al. WP 99/45205 in view of HOEFT et al. 6,551,691 with U.S. 6,599,614 being considered as the English language equivalent of ROUSSEL. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended as suggested at the interview and recites that the first web shaped flexible material remains in contact with the impression roll when each of the second and third web shaped flexible materials are combined with the first web shaped flexible material. Independent claim 29 is amended along the same lines.

As claims 1 and 29 are amended as suggested at the interview, the rejection over ROUSSEL in view of HOEFT is believed overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was rejected as unpatentable over ROUSSEL in view of HOEFT et al. and further in view of SCHULZ 6,277,226. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

SCHULZ is only cited with respect to features of dependent claim 6. SCHULZ does not disclose what is recited in claim 1. Since claim 6 depends from claim 1 and further defines the invention, claim 6 is believed patentable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

Claim 12 is rejected as unpatentable over ROUSSEL in view of HOEFT et al. and further in view of SCHULZ 4,325,768.

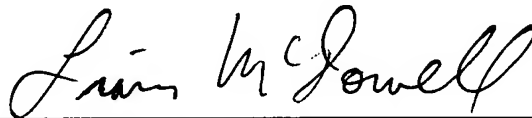
SCHULZ is only cited with respect to the features of dependent claim 12. SCHULZ does not teach or suggest what is recited in claim 1. As set forth above, ROUSSEL in view of HOEFT does not teach what is recited in claim 1. Since claim 12 depends from claim 1 and further defines the invention, claim 12 is believed patentable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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